

Remarks

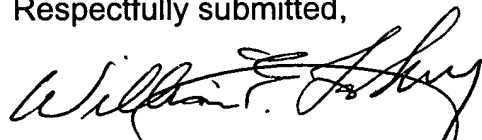
Applicants have amended the specification to more clearly describe the invention. It is believed that there are no additions of new matter by these amendments.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the "kink 13" and stress the importance of this feature to the invention. Applicants submit that none of the prior art discloses or suggests such a feature. As stated in claim 1, "the combination of said acclivitous shoulder 12 and said kink 13 can absorb the stress generated by the epoxy 8 and provide a longer path for moisture to reach the die 16, thereby preventing moisture from reaching the die 16 directly even if moisture enters the gap existing between the shoulder 12 and the passive material 10". This is explained in applicants' specification at page 6, lines 8 through 21. Although the examiner asserts that Spitz et al has a "kink" (see the Office Action at page 2, third line from the bottom of the page) applicant respectfully disagrees. Spitz et al describes this as a shoulder 15 with an oblique edge which does not appear to be positioned to act as the "kink 13" as disclosed and shown in the drawings, particularly Figs. 6 and 6a, and as claimed by applicant. The kink has a distinct v-shaped notch that is indented into the material. The structure disclosed by Spitz et al is not at all like the Kink 13 " claimed by applicants. The remaining references have structures that are even less similar to applicants' claimed structure.

Conclusion

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Amendment A other than the extension of time fees which are being paid by check for \$475.00 submitted herewith. If, however, the Commissioner determines a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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Amendment to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings should replace present sheet 6 of drawings and includes a change to Fig.6. Fig. 6, is amended to included reference number 13 and removal of the word "kink".

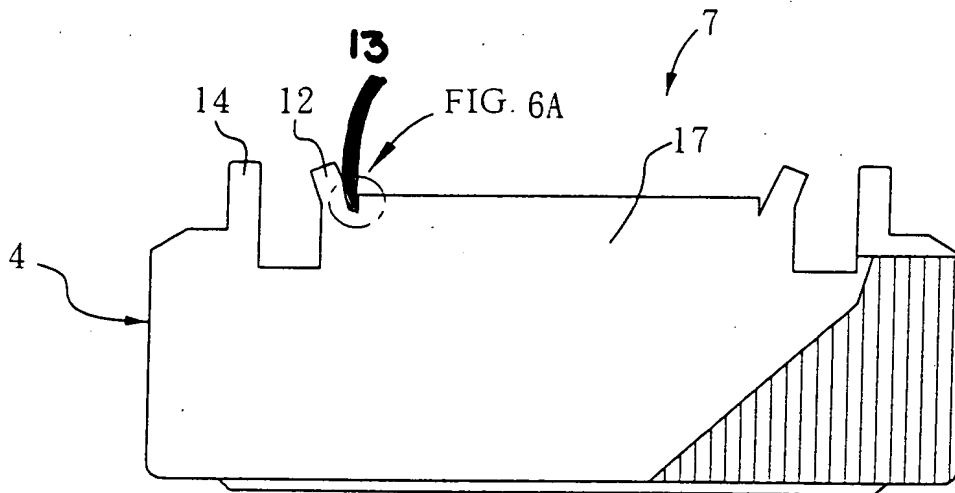


FIG. 6

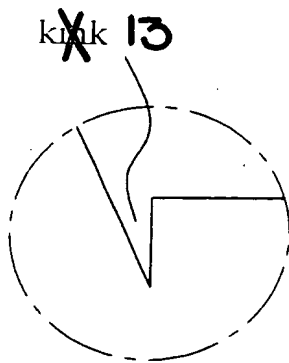


FIG. 6A